

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed on September 12, 2005. Claims 1-30 are pending. In this Amendment, claims 13-18, 22-24 and 28-30 have been withdrawn.

The Examiner has required that Applicant designate one of the inventions that belong to the three identified set of claims as set forth in the Office Action, and then elect to prosecute one of the three groups of claims. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction and elects Group I as identified below for prosecution.

Breakdown of Claims

The Examiner has divided the pending claims into three groups:

Group I-Claims 1-12 and 19-21;

Group II-Claims 13-18; and

Group III-Claims 28-30.

Applicant elects Group I and additional claims 25-27.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.


Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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